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State Library Newsletter

Message from the State Librarian
Robin Westphal, State Librarian

OCLC, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Battelle have joined together to develop the Reopening Archives, Libraries and Museums (REALM) project aimed at studying how long the COVID-19 virus survives on common library materials. The first round of results of testing were released June 22 and the second round has already begun.

The first round of testing was on a hardback book cover, softback book cover, plain paper inside a closed book, plastic book covering (biaxially oriented polyester film) and a DVD case. The Columbus (OH) Metropolitan Library provided materials and testing was done at room temperature to best replicate typical library conditions. After three days, no virus was detectable on any materials. More specifically, no virus was detectable on the book covers and DVD case after one day. The plastic book covering and plain paper pages inside a book took the full 72 hours for there not to be traceable amounts of the virus.

For the second round of testing, the COVID-19 virus will be placed on braille paper pages, glossy paper pages, magazine pages, children's board books and archival folders. Results of this round are expected by the end of the month. To sign up for REALM project updates, visit the [REALM Project Information Hub](#).

It is important to look to scientific projects and research when making decisions about how to handle materials. The Missouri State Library is committed to giving you as much information as we can find to help you make informed decisions at your libraries. Bookmark the Reference Services [Guide for Missouri Public Library Directors](#) for the latest information on a variety of topics related to COVID-19.

Be safe, take care of yourself and know that you are all doing the best that you can in these uncertain times.

Missouri State Library News

June 2020 Library Election Results

Congratulations to the public libraries that recently passed successful ballot measures!

The citizens served by **Barry-Lawrence Regional Library** voted to increase their tax levy by $0.07 per hundred dollars assessed valuation, for a total of $0.22 for improving library facilities, services, technology, and operating hours, enhancing programs, programs, and general operating expenses.

Voters served by **Cass County Public Library** increased their tax levy by $0.12 to improve print

and digital collections, upgrade technology and connectivity, maintain and increase life-long learning programs, provide adequate facilities, and for general operating expenses.

The residents in Callaway County voted to increase their tax support for the **Daniel Boone Regional Library** by $0.06 per hundred dollars assessed valuation to provide more library materials, programs and services to more people throughout Callaway County.

2020 Summer Reading Program Survey

The [Summer Reading Program Survey](#) is ready for input upon each library's completion of the 2020 children, teen and/or adult summer reading programs. Please complete the survey even if no summer reading program was held. This survey should be submitted only once per library district, so please designate a summer reading program reporter. This reporter should

gather and total the statistics for all library branches prior to completing the survey. The deadline to respond is Sept. 15, 2020. Direct questions to Lysha Thompson, Youth Services Consultant, at lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov or Merideth Johnson, Adult Services Consultant, at merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131.

Children and Teens Services Forum

The Children and Teens Services Forum will now be held on a monthly basis on the first Friday of every month. The first monthly meeting will be held on July 10 with each following meeting to be held on the first Friday of every month. The new meetings have been created in the meeting platform. All who wish to attend will need to register as registrations will not carry over to the new meeting schedule.

Please register at: https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/5767571114729254913

The Children and Teens Services Forum is a monthly forum for librarians who serve children and teen patrons to meet and discuss relevant topics. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the training.

Project Enable

If you are looking for a **_FREE_** training on how to create a more accessible and empathetic library space, you should check out Project Enable. Project Enable is a free online training created by Syracuse University's Center for Digital Literacy. Their vision is to _"Provide professional development for library professionals from all types of libraries in order to build capacity for providing equitable access and services_

to students with disabilities, an underserved population." This training has six modules that provide professional development for librarians that include: Disability Awareness, Disability Law and Policy, Planning Inclusive Programs and Instruction, Assistive Technology in Libraries and Targeting Autism in Libraries. To register or find out more information go to: https://projectenable.syr.edu/.

Exciting New Webinar Series Coming in August

The Missouri State Library's Library Development Division has partnered with the University of Missouri Extension to create an exciting new webinar series on workforce development. The series will start in August and run through July 2021. It will focus on how to help local libraries better tackle the workforce issues in their communities. These 30 minute webinars will cover a variety of topics such as: Becoming a Recovery-Friendly Employer, Working with Justice-Involved Population, The Future Workforce: Skills and Opportunities for the 21st Century, and many more. Registration information will be available soon. For questions, please contact Merideth Johnson at (573) 751-1822 or merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov.

New York Public Library Releases a Free Four-Part Training Series

Raising the Bar: Integrating Early Childhood Education into Librarian Professional Development is a free four-part training series developed by the New York Public Library. The series was developed in collaboration with the City University of New York's Professional Development Institute and funded by a grant through the Institution of Museum and Library Services. The series consists of curriculum and material that serve as a professional development resource for early literacy training.

The training contains two formats, one for facilitators and one for self-paced learning. The training is presented in four modules: Foundational Knowledge, Storytime, Family Literacy Engagement Workshops, and Early Childhood Outreach. You can access the course at https://nypl.teachable.com/.

State Aid Certification Reminder

Please remember that annual State Aid Certification documents need to be submitted to the Missouri State Library by **July 31**. These documents must be submitted by this date in order to qualify for State Aid.

The three forms that must be submitted are:

1. State Aid Application
2. Board of Trustees List
3. Certification of Compliance

The forms may be submitted one of three ways:

- Email the forms to mostlib@sos.mo.gov
- Fax the forms to (573) 751-3612

- Mail the forms to:

   State Aid Application
   Missouri State Library
   600 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 387
   Jefferson City, MO 65102-0387

Please submit all three forms together. If you have any questions, please contact Cory Mihalik at cory.mihalik@sos.mo.gov or by phone at (417) 895-5000.

Annual Public Library Survey Begins in August

The annual Public Library Survey (PLS) will open for data entry in early August. Baker and Taylor's Bibliostat Collect platform will be used again this year to fill out and submit the survey. An email containing logins and passwords, as well as additional information on what's new for the 2020 survey and links to training resources, will be sent to all directors as soon as the PLS is officially ready for data collection.

The following brief online tutorials from Baker and Taylor will give a quick overview of how to use the survey platform for those of you that are new to the survey, or in need of a refresher:

- Navigating the Survey
- Answering Questions
- Survey Status
- Printing
- Submitting

There have been several changes to this year's survey, primarily to account for service modifications due to the coronavirus pandemic. The survey changes will allow libraries to show how they have adapted and continued to provide services to their communities during this time. Further updates about these changes will be given closer to the opening of the survey. We also plan on holding two webinar training sessions to go over the survey submission process and discuss new and modified questions. Registration is currently open for both of these webinar sessions:

Thursday, Aug. 13, at 2 p.m. – click here to register.

Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 10 a.m. – click here to register.

In preparation for the survey, there are two important things to be aware of to make sure that you have the proper data when it is time to fill out your survey:

- You will need to record programming in one of three programming categories. These categories are: in-person programming, live virtual programming, and recorded programming content. For each category you will also need to record the age group of the intended audience. Live virtual programs are conducted via a web conferencing or webinar platform such as Facebook, YouTube or Zoom, during which a library staff member (or other party sponsored by the library) is presenting to or interacting with an audience in real time. Live virtual program attendance will be reported as the number of unique live views, or if unavailable, the peak number of simultaneous viewers for the program. Recordings of program content includes video or audio recordings created by a library staff person (or other party sponsored by the library) and posted to a video or audio hosting platform for the audience to view or listen to on-demand. This will not include promotional or marketing content. If the recording is of a live in-person or live virtual program, please do not count it twice. Recorded program attendance will be the total count of unique views, or 1-minute views if unique views are unavailable, of a recorded program.

- It will also be important to track the amount of time libraries were closed or operating with a limited occupancy due to COVID-19. Limited public occupancy practices can include limits on the number of public members allowed inside the physical building, appointment only on-site library use, visitor time limits, closed stacks, etc.

More details will be provided when the survey information is sent out next month and during the training webinars. Please remember that completing the PLS is a requirement to qualify for State Aid. The survey must be submitted before Nov. 30. Late submissions will likely disqualify your library from state funding, so it is important to start working on the survey early. If you have any questions about the survey and any upcoming changes please contact Cory Mihalik at cory.mihalik@sos.mo.gov or (417) 895-5000.

Upcoming Webinars from the State Historical Society of Missouri

Even if your library is not available to offer programming right now, our friends at the State Historical Society of Missouri have been hard at work preparing online events focusing on genealogy and local history! Upcoming subjects include Basic Genealogy, Organizing Family Photographs, and Digital Inheritance: Planning for Your Digital Afterlife. All online events are free and open to the public, but registration is required. Visit their website at shsmo.org/events for more.

Explore Missouri history collections at sos.mo.gov/mdh. Institutions wishing to participate in Missouri Digital Heritage may contact mdh@sos.mo.gov.

Animated picture books for CSLP

Would you like to use some animated, talking picture books during your summer reading program? A list of titles from the TumbleBook Library deluxe collection fitting the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) theme, Imagine Your Story, has been created for you to use. In addition to audiobooks, the list includes books written in French & Spanish, read-alongs, and puzzles & games. We hope you have a fun Summer Reading Program!

TumbleBook Library

Missouri public libraries have free access to the TumbleBook Library deluxe collection for children in grades K-3. The collection includes more than 1,000 titles of animated talking picture books, some titles in French and Spanish, read-alongs, non-fiction books and National Geographic Videos.

TumbleBook Library provides unlimited viewings, so multiple children can read the same book at the same time. The books are streamed online, not downloaded, and the audio can be turned on or off so that children can practice reading. TumbleBooks can be used in the library or at home by patrons with library cards.
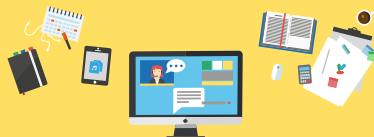
For more information about the TumbleBook Library, contact Janet Caruthers, Technology and Resource Sharing Consultant at (573) 526-1087 or janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov.

Avoiding COVID-19 Scams and Frauds Webinar scheduled for Aug. 4

The COVID-19 pandemic has given cybercriminals many opportunities to reach out to the public with fraudulent claims. Cybercriminals continue to use the same old tactics, phone calls and emails, to lure people into their scams because these tactics work so well. Amy VanDeVelde from *The Oasis Institute* will talk about the most common scams seen during the pandemic and provide tips and resources participants can use to avoid them.

This event will take place in GoToTraining on Aug. 4, 2020, 10 a.m. CDT. Registration is required and can be completed at Avoiding COVID-19 Scams and Frauds.

WorldCat Discovery and WorldShare Interlibrary Loan: Interactions for Success Webinar on July 28

WorldCat Discovery helps your patrons and staff easily identify and locate resources from your library and libraries worldwide. WorldShare Interlibrary Loan connects you to thousands of libraries through a shared, global library collection in WorldCat.

In this 90-minute program, Kathy Kie, OCLC Senior Product Trainer, will review the search and interface features that offer the most impact and discuss configuration choices to make in your WorldCat Discovery interface. She will highlight

the interaction between WorldCat Discovery and WorldShare ILL and how working together, these services can positively impact search outcomes and ILL workflow efficiencies not only for your patrons but also for your staff.

This event will take place in GoToTraining on July 28, 2020, 10 a.m. CDT. Registration is required and can be completed at WorldCat Discovery and WorldShare Interlibrary Loan: Interactions for Success.

Reference Services for YOU: Digitization Requests

The Missouri State Publications database from Reference Services has many recent digital publications available for use by libraries and the public. However, Reference Services also has many older Missouri state government publications and reports collected in print only, including public health statistics, conservation guidebooks and publications, and agency histories and reports.

To help us prioritize reports to begin digitizing, we have created a "digitization request" service on our website. If you would like to request a particular Missouri state document from our collection be digitized, please email statepubs@sos.mo.gov.

Documents approved for digitization will be uploaded to our database in the Internet Archive. From there, they can be downloaded in a variety

of digital formats. Requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis as time allows. All requests must be approved by the Reference Services director and comply with U.S. Copyright Law. We reserve the right to limit requests at our discretion.

If you or your staff have questions about our State Publications database, or anything else related to the State Library's resources, please contact Reference Services by phone, email or chat. We are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and are always happy to help!

Phone: (573) 751-3615
Email: libref@sos.mo.gov
Chat: visit mostate.libguides.com and click the "Ask Us" tab on the right

Around the State

Welcome New Directors!

Jordan Myers – Keller Public Library   **Arthythe Curtic –** La Plata Public Library
Erin Magner – Richmond Heights Memorial Library

Grant Opportunities

Author Visit Grant • DEADLINE: Ongoing

This grant is specifically designed for school or public libraries to bring an author to their community. Grants range from $500 up to $5,000. All travel for the author must be included as part of a flat rate fee for the author. Other additional costs allowable: publicity and promotional items, up to $500 towards library materials for collection development related to the project, additional staff hours, and transportation for youth from school or licensed child care. These grants are supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library Questions? Contact Lysha Thompson, Youth Services Consultant, at (573) 522-9564 or lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov.

Show Me Steps to Continuing Education: Individual Training Events • DEADLINE: Ongoing

Interested in attending a professional development opportunity, but need additional funds? Show Me Steps to Continuing Education grants provide reimbursement for up to 75% of the costs of an eligible, non-credit continuing education event. These grants are supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions about Show Me Steps grant opportunities, please contact Merideth Johnson at (573) 751-1822 or merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov.

Show Me Steps to Continuing Education: Group Training Events • DEADLINE: Ongoing

Do you want to bring an expert to your library for training? This is a competitive grant program that provides funds for a host library or library consortium to plan and provide group training(s) on current, relevant, unique and/or in-demand topics at a local, regional or statewide level. Grants range from $500 up to $8,000. These grants are supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library If you have questions about this Show Me Steps grant opportunity, please contact Merideth Johnson at merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov or call (573) 751-1822.